

THE JAMES RIVER IS THREATENING

Information From Points Up the Way Indicates Bad Conditions.

DEEP SNOW AT SCOTTSVILLE

The Eighteenth of the Winter Has Fallen There—Vessels in Harbor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ARVONIA, VA., Feb. 13.—A fierce snow storm reached this place at noon to-day, and at this writing it continues, without abatement. The weather situation is almost inexplicable; and it may be said that no worse conditions ever have prevailed here or ever could do so. The very maximum of severity and disagreeableness reigns throughout this entire section.

On Saturday night a heavy snow fell on the top of the three snows that already lay closely packed on the ground; early Sunday morning the snow changed to hail and sleet, and later into rain. It rained steadily all Sunday afternoon, and all through the night, creating much slush as has not been known for years. At noon to-day the present snow-storm set in, piling great banks of the fleecy element on top of the oozy masses of slush. At this writing a brisk wind is blowing from the northwest, and the temperature is rapidly falling. It appears now that the storm will continue into the night and possibly beyond.

THE JAMES THREATENS.
James River is in a threatening condition. Ice to the thickness of twelve or fifteen inches covers the stream in most places; and this enormous mass is showing signs of disintegration. If the present snow-storm had been rain it is possible one of the worst freshets in years would have resulted. As it is, the time of the overflow has just been postponed. Richmond may expect something fierce in the way of a flood as soon as any kind of a permanent thaw sets in.

INTENSE COLD.

Thermometer 30 Degrees Below Zero on Shores of Lake Michigan

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—To-day was the coldest of the winter in Chicago. At 7 A. M. the government thermometer recorded 19 degrees below zero, a fall of 23 degrees in twelve hours. Snow ceased falling early last night, and the sky was clear to-day. Street traffic was not interrupted, but incoming trains on the steam railroads, were from one to nine hours late.

Intense cold prevails over the Middle West and Northwest.
At the water end off the Chicago shore, in Lake Michigan, the thermometer registered between 25 and 29 degrees below zero. Men engaged in keeping the ice from clogging the intakes governing the city water supply, were forced to work in fifteen minute shifts. Huge icebergs surrounded the crib, but not close enough to interfere with the intakes. Previous to to-day the coldest record this winter was 14 degrees below zero, February 2d. Not since February 5, 1899, when the mercury touched 21 below, has to-day's cold been exceeded.

MERCURY DROPS.

Weather Conditions Unpromising on the Coast.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 13.—The heavy rain and that of yesterday has been followed to-day by a temperature drop of twenty degrees and a blizzard-like snow-storm.

Tonight the mercury is below the twenty-five mark of the thermometer and is steadily falling.
The city is encased in a mass of frozen slush and sleet, but up to this time traffic is unimpeded.
The warm weather of yesterday, with the rain, rotted the ice in the James and tributary rivers and immense floes have been drifting into Hampton Roads all day. The precaution taken last week by shipmasters who had their vessels towed into the inner harbor, has undoubtedly prevented heavy loss. Outside the cape a dense fog is hanging over the ocean, making navigation there among the outlying ice floes extremely hazardous. The drifting ice ranges up to a foot in thickness, and has put a stop to the navigation of small craft.

The small steamer "Tourist," which was ice-bound in Pamlico Sound for two weeks, succeeded during yesterday's thaw in breaking out and reached Elizabeth City, N. C., in safety. All vessels from the South report encounters with great floes of ice in the ocean.

Eighteenth Snow.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SCOTTSVILLE, VA., Feb. 13.—The eighteenth snow of the winter is now on the ground here. James River is frozen over for the third time, and has had its last coating of ice for two weeks. The thermometer registers several degrees below zero every few hours.

Coasting parties are much in evidence, and are quite enjoyable. Great "caves" of snow hang from the edges of the slate roofs, freeze, while they thaw, and even

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Vessels Seek Shelter.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 13.—There is not an inch of ice afloat in this harbor to-day. The field, which floated about on Saturday, melted or sank under yesterday's rain.

Passengers aboard the steamer Hampton from Smithfield, which arrived this morning, said the river was not visible to-day in Pagan Creek or the James River, a single one of the drifting cakes, through which the steamer plowed her way on Saturday. But the harbor is full of vessels of all classes, which came in to avoid the bad weather, and they are likely to stay on the report of another storm approaching to-day.

Wrapped in Snow.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CROZET, VA., Feb. 13.—This town is wrapped in snow and ice. Although situated at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains, which serves as a natural barrier against the cold west winds, yet old Jack Frost has found his way here, and has made his influence very generally felt. The oldest inhabitant cannot recall a winter of greater severity, more snow or more ice.

Big Snow Storm at Roxbury.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROXBURY, VA., Feb. 13.—It rained at this place all day Sunday and at intervals up to 12 o'clock. The one of the heaviest snow storms of the whole winter commenced, followed by a heavy northeast wind. At this writing a blinding snow is falling. The ground is already covered to the depth of four inches.

COUNTRY WRAPPED IN SHEET OF ICE

or four wires are giving regular service in and out of the city.
The line of zero weather was to-day extended as far South as Memphis and beyond. Arkansas cities, while at New Orleans, the mercury dropped down in the twenties.

Railroads Tied Up.

(By Associated Press.)

MERIDIAN, MISS., Feb. 13.—The tie up of railroad traffic out of Meridian is almost a record. The Mobile and Ohio has moved no trains on its southern divisions to-day. There has been no train out of

AFRAID OF STRONG MEDICINES.

Many people suffer for years from rheumatic pains, and prefer to do so rather than take the strong medicines that quick relief from pain may be had simply by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm and without taking any medicine internally. Rev. Amos Parker, of Magnolia, North Carolina, suffered for eight years with a lame hip, due to severe rheumatic pains. He has been permanently cured by the free application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. For sale by all druggists.

Meridian on the New Orleans and North-eastern road for more than a week, and it will be several days before traffic can be re-established between Meridian and Memphis. Trains from Vicksburg on the Alabama and Vicksburg road were unable to get through owing to a washout. An inch of snow fell at Meridian to-day, while four inches is reported at West Point, Miss.

CONDITIONS IN SOUTH.

Zero Line Extends Into Arkansas and Northern Texas.

(By Associated Press.)

LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 13.—A remarkably severe cold wave overpreads the entire country to-day, temperatures in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys ranging from six degrees to twenty-six degrees below zero. The zero line extends into Arkansas and Northern Texas and east to Ohio. Rain or snow or both have fallen since Saturday over the entire Southern half of the country, the precipitation being closely followed by freezing weather and the cold wave, which is widely pushed far south into Texas and the river Mississippi Valley. The indications are for clear and continued very cold weather for the next few days.

Tuesday, with a tendency to a slow moderation about Wednesday.

A heavy snow fell to-day at Birmingham. The fall at Knoxville, Tenn., was eight inches. Nashville reported a fall of three inches, with very cold weather.

The cold is severe in Texas and is causing losses to the cattlemen.

20 DEGREES AT ATLANTA.

Big Snow-Storm Raging—Telegraph Wires Down Again.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 13.—The conditions here to-day threaten more trouble to wire communication with the outside world. The thermometer has dropped 20 degrees since daylight and now stands at 20 below. Heavy rain, which has been falling, is falling. Telegraphic communication with Washington, direct by Western Union, the only wire to the East, was lost for a time. Both telegraph companies are using large forces of men, but their work is handicapped by the cold.

Following immediately upon the most severe storm in the history of Atlanta and this immediate vicinity, the blizzard, which practically covers the entire South, is threatening to drive down to six above zero, according to official report. The local forecaster promises a clearing before morning, but the weather equals the record for this winter, made January 25th.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Five People Lose Lives in Oklahoma—Cold Very Severe.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—Missouri, Kansas and the Southwestern Territories are today shivering in the coldest weather they have known in twenty years. In Oklahoma five persons have been frozen to death and the loss to stock in Western Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory is the greatest in years.

In St. Louis the minimum was 18 below zero, the coldest in the city with one exception, ever recorded by the local Weather Bureau. Kansas City, Mo., reported 22 below, equalling the record cold weather mark of February 12, 1890.

In Central and Western Kansas the wind became a gale, piling the snow high in the cities, and the temperature went to 30 degrees below zero.

OHIO GORGED.

(By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 13.—The river situation to-day is more menacing to property than at any time since the cold weather gorged the Ohio with ice. The ice moved slowly in two hundred thousand tons, crushing everything before it, and a new freeze to-day followed a sudden drop in temperature. The new freeze will be the worst that break up of the river in many years. The damage already done is estimated at one to two hundred thousand dollars. In addition to the loss already incurred, vessels and other property valued at more than a hundred thousand dollars is in serious danger of destruction.

STEAMER IN BLIZZARD.

(By Associated Press.)

SYLVIA Long, Overdue, Reaches Port After Terrific Experience.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Feb. 13.—The overdue Sylvia, from New York and Halifax, arrived here this afternoon after a terrible experience. In a blizzard she was blown about, driving her eighty miles seaward among great ice floes on the Grand Banks. The engines broke down for twenty-four hours. The height of the storm, during which all the passengers and crew labored incessantly at the pumps, expecting momentarily that the ship would founder.

Wreck of a Schooner.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 13.—Captain Holman, of the British ship Headland, from New Orleans to Cork, which stopped here for coal, reports sighting seventy miles south of Cape Henry, the wreck of a schooner, barely awash, with one mast gone about twenty feet above the deck. The Headlands did not ascertain the name of the schooner. Recent reports from that locality are to the effect that great quantities of lumber are floating near Hatteras, indicating disaster to one or more lumber laden vessels.

Cold at New Orleans.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 13.—With the temperature showing a decline of 10 degrees from the maximum of yesterday New Orleans to-day faced 28-degree weather and a heavy wind.

Want Light and Ice.

A movement is on foot, having for its object the organization of an ice and electric plant in Fulton. It is said that the Council will be asked to let a short white line to grant a franchise for the proposed new ice plant.

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Canned Tomatoes, can 5c
New North Carolina Clipped Herring, dozen 8c
Sugar Corn, 4 cans for 25c
Best New Orleans Molasses, gallon 40c
Large Irish Potatoes, pk. 17c
White Beans and Black-eyed Peas, quart 6c
Best City Meal 17c peck, or bushel 65c
Havermole Rolled Oats, pkg. 7c
Silver King Best Patent Flour, 50.00 bbl., or bag, 38c
California Hams 8c

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NOT ONE DRINK ON ELECTION DAY

Stringent Amendment Adopted by the House of North Carolina.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 13.—The House of Representatives to-day passed the Senate bill amending the general election law by striking out the words, "intent to influence an election," in the clause modifying the prohibition against giving away liquor on election day within five miles of a polling place, and by including primary elections.

If the Senate concurs in the House amendment, it would be unlawful for a voter to offer a guest a drink in his own house. This was discussed on the floor before the amendment passed, but it was argued that it was best to sacrifice one day to even social drinking in the home in order to sweep away effectually the use of liquor as an election force.

The day in both branches of the Legislature was devoted to the passage of local bills, many of the members being absent at their homes, no general bills being taken up for this reason.

The Senate Committee on Penal Institutions has decided to report favorably on a bill by Scales, of Greensboro, appropriating \$50,000 from the earnings of the penitentiary for the establishment of a reformatory for youthful criminals.

TO PROTECT GAME.

Important Meeting Will Be Held at Mechanics' Institute.

A meeting of those interested in the protection of game in the State will be held in the Mechanics' Institute Hall to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The affair is in charge of Major L. T. Christian, of this city, and he expects many visitors from out in the State to attend.

The call for the meeting which is signed by Messrs. John W. Jones, of Pulaski, Henry J. Sheppard, L. T. Christian, G. L. Bruffey, of Raleigh, and J. W. Waberton, of York, is as follows:

The increased means of destruction of game, animals and birds, has rendered some action very necessary. Many of the States having established either a department of game, or a game and live in the most, will have their game laws enforced with a large and enthusiastic audience will attend.

ST. VALENTINE'S.

Day of the Good Saint—Boys and Girls Will Celebrate.

To-day is the feast of Saint Valentine, beloved of every small boy and small girl in the land, long suffering parents and doted by weary and irritable mothers. The day is a day of love and of the memory of more beautiful days, who discard the pet and love in the most, will have their affections of form and face ruthlessly exposed to public view.

The man who drinks only "medicinally" will see his red nose as others see it, the avowed hypocrite who thinks he hides his vice and lives in the most, will have their affections of form and face ruthlessly exposed to public view.

How the small boys will enjoy themselves! The gates that remain on hinges will be strong and mighty gates and the carriage blocks not overturned will be of exceeding great weight.

Like a bell now, or they'll catch you," said the small boy.

Old man, you'll be pined to-night and hundreds of small boys will run in the same "hot" manner for fear of getting caught by any benighted and over-bearing butler.

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DR. R. W. SANDERS DEAD IN WYTHE COUNTY

A Former Member of the Legislature and a Leading Physician in His Section.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WYTHEVILLE, VA., Feb. 13.—Dr. Richard W. Sanders, a prominent physician, died this morning at his residence, near Walton Furnace, in his 65th year.

Dr. Sanders was one of the best known and most influential citizens of Wythe, having represented the county in the House of Delegates in 1893-4. At the time of his death and he was president of the Southwest Virginia Medical Association and practiced his profession actively to the time of his illness.

In 1861 he married Miss Elizabeth McGhee, of Bedford county, who preceded him to the grave several years ago. He is survived by one daughter, Miss Hannah W. Sanders, of Walton Furnace, and one son, Mr. Charles W. Sanders, of Roanoke, and also by two brothers, Mr. S. D. Sanders and Mr. J. P. M. Sanders, both of Wythe county.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

OBITUARY.

Richard C. Flournoy.

Richard C. Flournoy died at his home in Newport News Monday, February 13th, after a long illness. He was an old resident of Richmond, being the oldest son of the late R. C. Flournoy, and was for many years employed by R. J. Whitehurst, where he served faithfully. He moved to Hampton, where he was foreman of a large lumber yard until his health failed, owing to a severe fall from a train in Hampton.

The funeral will be brought to Richmond Tuesday at 11:45 A. M. on the Chesapeake and Ohio, and be taken direct to Oakwood for burial.

Harvey E. Neale.

Mr. Harvey E. Neale died of pneumonia at the residence of his aunt, Mrs. T. J. Curry, No. 1-2 West Clay Street, Sunday night. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Neale, and was twenty-three years of age.

The funeral will take place from the residence this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Funeral of Mr. Mack.

The funeral of Mr. J. W. Mack, Jr., who died at Clifton Forge, Va., Friday, was held in this city Sunday afternoon and the interment was in Shockoe Hill Cemetery.

R. C. Campbell.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
STUART'S DRAFT, VA., Feb. 13.—Richard Campbell, son of the late Robert J. Campbell, of Parhamus, died Saturday at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Sydney Floyd, of consumption, aged twenty-two years.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and leaves four brothers, W. B. Dewitt, Charles and Clifton, and three sisters, Mrs. S. D. Floyd, Mrs. Ray W. Hilbert and Mary.

Captain L. W. Spindle.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., Feb. 13.—Captain L. W. Spindle, a prominent real estate man in this section, died at his home in this city yesterday, aged sixty-nine years.

He was a native of Spotsylvania county, where he married a Miss Shubert, and entered the Confederate army. He became a merchant, and was in Montgomery for a number of years, and when the boom opened moved to Roanoke, where he went into the real estate business. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Humphrey Harwood.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 13.—Humphrey Harwood, aged seventy-three years, died this morning at his home, on forty-seventh Street, after a lingering illness with Bright's disease. The body will be taken to Grafton Church, York county, to-morrow for interment.

Mrs. R. L. Downey.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 13.—Mrs. R. L. Downey died at her home here last night, after an illness of one week of pneumonia, aged forty years. She is survived by her husband and five children. The remains will be taken to her home, near Richardsville, Culpeper county, for interment.

Mrs. M. M. Grigsby.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 13.—Mrs. M. M. Grigsby, widow of James W. Grigsby, of Stafford county, died yesterday morning, February 10, 1905, at the home of J. D. Mason, in Caroline county, aged eighty years. She is survived by two children.

Mrs. Roberta McGhee.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 13.—Mrs. Roberta McGhee, wife of Mr. E. D. McGhee, died Saturday of typhoid fever, at her home, in Spotsylvania county, aged thirty-five years. She is survived by her husband and three children, four brothers and two sisters. Four members of the same family are now sick with the same disease.

James Seidon Miller.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 13.—Mr. James Seidon Miller, formerly of Virginia, died a few days ago at his home in Dallas, Texas. He was a Confederate soldier and fought through the Civil War. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Sallie Caldwell, of this city.

W. H. Walker.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CORONADO, VA., Feb. 13.—Mr. W. H. Walker, the popular express agent at this place, died at his home here to-day, about 12:15 o'clock, with inflammation of the lungs, after an illness of several weeks.

Samuel H. Hurley.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 13.—Mr. Samuel H. Hurley, of Middlesex county, died recently at his home, aged sixty-one years. He is survived by his widow, three sons and three daughters.

DEATHS.

FLORNOY.—Died, at his home in Newport News Monday, February 13, 1905, RICHARD C. FLORNOY, aged 65 years. The funeral will be brought to Richmond TUESDAY, 11:45, on the C. & O. Funeral from depot Interment Oakwood.

MACK.—The funeral of J. W. MACK, Jr., who died at Clifton Forge, Va., Friday morning, February 10, 1905, was held Sunday afternoon, February 12, 1905, at 8 o'clock from the home of his brother-in-law, J. L. Woodbridge, Oakwood Avenue and C. Street. Interment in Shockoe Hill Cemetery.

NEALE.—Died, Sunday, February 12th, 1905, at 3:30 P. M., of pneumonia, at the residence of his aunt, Mrs. T. J. Curry, HARVEY E. NEALE, son of Thomas J. Neale, and was twenty-three years of age. He leaves a father, sister, Mrs. D. A. G. Franklin, and one brother, Thomas J. Neale, of Newport News.

Funeral from residence, No. 44 West Clay Street, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, February 14, 1905, at 11 o'clock. Newport News papers please copy.

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